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Final Written Mediated Assignment

When I edited anything for this class it had a medium. Whether it was video, audio track, or even a special interface, there was a medium. Though when we think about media we think of images, audio and video first because those are more predominant in our society. But I did learn that media is so much more than just an image or sound. It can be anything from a social network or to someone's life. But it does come back to those main types. The type of videos we are used to have sound and images, in the form of frames. Then for special interventions it's like your changing the image of that space. And an interface isn't enjoyable if there isn't some visual appeal or sound to go along with it. Editing to achieve a better look and sound is what we sort of aimed for in this class, aside from showing we know how to use the program. We aimed for something that looked presentable, that looked good.

For our first module we edited pictures. So we used Photoshop to change, alter, manipulate and image we found or to add in another image. This was a very basic module that has so much potential that you could change a photograph into something completely different. Our first little project was making an image or set of images match a quest from Kanye West. I did something that still looked very amateur but I think it got the message across. Then we did a game called layer tennis. That was fun trying to pass back and forth another person's image that had a topic from the other person's photo. Then our final project was making a photo that represented who we would like to be, where we came from, and our life philosophy. I had trouble with this because I couldn't get an image of where I came from to work with the rest of the images. I came from Thousand Oaks California before my family moved to Arizona. The only images I could get were wide over shots of the city. They just wouldn't mix with the image of what I wanted to be.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYg1IU-fe_8&feature=youtube_gdata

This link is to the audio mash up assignment. I chose to mash up two songs from the same artist by the name of E-Nomine. They are a German Christian trance/techno music group. The two songs of theirs I used were Mitternacht (midnight) and E-Nomine

(in the name). They don't make music anymore by what I could find but they have a good sound. Mainly because when you need chanting like that from some of these songs it just sounds better in German. For our mash ups we only had roughly one class period to work on but I can imagine what this would have been like if I had more time to work on it. The final part of this module was for recording a spoken word and then changing it around. I recorded boredom and chose a "beat" or cycle for it to go through and changed each of those cycles. <http://soundcloud.com/chris-myre/final-module-2> . That is the link to the recording. Now I only said boredom once and it turned into a 46 second audio clip. That is a perfect example of what editing can do to something so simple as a single word spoken in an average way. I didn't use a funny voice or accent it was just as normal as I could have said it. I could see something like this becoming a song. I don't mean to make a bad pun but with the song having just one word it could get boring due to the lack of variety.

The final module we worked on was life. We took one person's life over several months and cut it down to just several chapters in separate albums. I enjoyed working on these assignments, of course ignoring the half hour or so it took to get the program working properly. For what I did in the final assignment for this module was two albums; one based on events outdoors, and the other based on indoor events. So a road trip, boat ride and pictures of taking pictures. Those were all the topic of different chapters within the outdoor album. So it was easy to just find several images that worked together and had the same general theme to them. For the indoor based album had events that would have been after work. Like a set of photos that leads up to a bed. And a set of night pictures to represent a night life. The editing in this module came from the long search and organization of all the photos and quotes from the data set that we were given.

We edited a lot of different things in this class and most of them I am proud of because they turned out better than what I expected. My work may at most times seemed very lacking like I didn't seem to try or give the project thought. Most of the time I didn't really know the program we used or I just sadly couldn't think of anything to do that would look better than what I made. But this entire class was a learning experience for me. For me editing sound seemed to have been my best work, and I learned how many possible outcomes can come from editing. Whether its turning a single word into a song

or viewing someones life and making a single photo album out of it. And it didn't matter on what we were editing or how my final product didn't really look that great. I enjoyed this class and learned quite a bit from taking this class.